DISTRICT REPORTS.

8. Markets how supplied.

9. Progress of agricultural operations, state of standing crops, prospects and probable outturn of harvests, serious damage done to crops by insects or other natural calamities.

10. Prospects of season, tracts in which the rainfall has been insufficient, areas affected by scarcity, number of people under relief, and state of food stocks.

11. Public health.

12. Remarks as to the condition of agricultural stock, failure of pasturage of fodder, etc.

BANGALORE CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION.

		Average for the past five years of the corresponding week.	*Current.*	
Prices of food grains—Rice	...	7·2	5½ to 5¾	seers per rupee.
Ragi	...	18·1	10¾ to 11¼	

Agricultural operations.—Collection of manure.

Outturn of harvest.—Ragi, yield 4 annas.

Cattle are in good condition. Water and fodder sufficient.

BANGALORE CITY AND TALUKS.

8. Market generally well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Manure is being carted in some parts of the Hoskote, Nelamangala and Magadi Taluks.

Standing crops.—Sugar-cane is in good condition in some parts of the Hoskote and Kankanhalli Taluks. It is in moderate condition in the Nelamangala and Devanhalli Taluks and is withering for want of water in some places in the Hoskote and Anekal Taluks.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane in some parts of the Bangalore, Nelamangala, Kankanhalli, Magadi and Devanhalli Taluks.

Harvest and outturn.—Sugar-cane is being milled in some places in the Hoskote, Nelamangala, Magadi and Devanhalli Taluks. An average yield of 8 annas in the Nelamangala Taluk and 7 annas in the Devanhalli Taluk is expected.

10. It is reported that the prospects of the season are good in the Channapatna Taluk and moderate in other taluks. The general condition of the taluk is good in Nelamangala and sufficient work is available for persons in the Nelamangala, Magadi, Channapatna and Anekal Taluks. Scarcity is prevailing in the Hessarghatta Hobli of the Bangalore Taluk and in a few villages of the Hoskote and Devanhalli Taluks.

Number of persons employed in tank and well works.—Three hundred and sixty-four in the Bangalore Taluk, 82 in the Hoskote Taluk, 1,708 in the Nelamangala Taluk, 60 in the Magadi Taluk and 60 in the Devanhalli Taluk. Thirty persons in the Magadi Taluk and 7 in the Nelamangala Taluk are in receipt of gratuitous relief. Food stuffs are available, but their prices are very high.

11. Except for plague in some places in Bangalore, small-pox in the Hoskote Taluk, Channapatna town and the Closepet Sub-Taluk and measles in the Anekal Taluk, public health generally good.

12. Except for "Dod Roga" and "Galu Sake Roga" in some places in the Hoskote Taluk; "Dod Roga" and "Neradi Roga" in the Nelamangala and Anekal Taluks; "Dod Roga" and "Chappe Roga" in the Kankanhalli Taluk and "Dod Roga" in the Magadi and Devanhalli Taluks, the health of cattle is generally good. Water and fodder are available for the present, except that well water is being drawn and used for cattle in some parts of the Hoskote, Nelamangala, Magadi, Channapatna, Anekal and Devanhalli Taluks and the Closepet Sub-Taluk. Water scarcity is felt in the Nelamangala, Magadi and Anekal Taluks and the Closepet Sub-Taluk. Ragi and straw are being exported to Tumkur and Kunigal sides for sale from the Magadi Taluk.

KOLAR.

8. Market moderately supplied.

9. *Standing crops* under *kapile* wells are reported to be in fairly good condition.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane is being sown in Mulbagal, Chikballapur, Bagepalli, Goribidnur and Gudibanda.

Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane in Kolar, Bowringpet, Mulbagal and Gudibanda, and jolum and turmeric in Goribidnur.

Outturn of harvest.—Sugar-cane in Kolar, Bowringpet, Mulbagal and Gudibanda, yield from 4 to 12 annas.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. Prices of food stuffs are very high. People are anxiously looking forward for the *Mungar* rains. Large number of District Fund, Municipal and D. P. W. works, now in progress in all parts of the district, is affording sufficient labour to the poor. Gratuitous relief is being given in the affected tracts of the district. Gratuitous advances are also being granted on a liberal scale.

11. Except for cholera in parts of the Goribidnur Taluk and small-pox in parts of the Mulbagal, Chintamani and Sidlaghatta Taluks, public health generally good.

12. Rinderpest is reported to be still prevailing in parts of the Chikballapur and Bagepalli Taluks and parts of the Gudibanda Sub-Taluk. Water and fodder moderately sufficient.

TUMKUR.

8 Supply in market moderate.

9. *Standing crops.*—Sugar-cane in the Tumkur Taluk and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk, and cholum and Bengal gram in the taluks of Maddagiri, Sira, Tiptur and Pavagada are withering for want of rain. They are reported to be in moderate condition in the taluks of Chiknayakanhalli, Gubbi and Kunigal and in the sub-taluks of Koratagere and Turuvekere.

Crops sown.—Nil.

Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane in the Tumkur and Gubbi Taluks and the Koratagere and Turuvekere Sub-Taluks; Bengal gram and cholum in the taluks of Maddagiri, Gubbi, Tiptur and Pavagada and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk; wheat in the Maddagiri and Pavagada Taluks; cholum in the Sira Taluk, and Bengal gram in the Kunigal Taluk and the Koratagere Sub-Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. The general condition of the district remains the same as in the last week. A large number of works are in progress and are affording labour for the poor people. Gratuitous relief is also being given in the affected parts throughout the district. Takavi advances and loans are also being granted on a large scale. Prices of food stuffs are still high.

11. Except for plague and small-pox in certain villages in the district, public health is generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" in all the taluks, except the Kunigal Taluk and the Koratagere Sub-Taluk, is still prevailing. Scarcity for water and fodder is being felt in many parts of the district. Temporary wells are being dug in several villages to mitigate water scarcity. Fodder for cattle is imported in certain villages of the Tiptur and Kunigal Taluks and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk, and date leaves are also being used for the same purpose in the taluks of Chiknayakanhalli and Sira. Thirty-five cattle in the Tiptur Taluk and 246 in the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk have returned from forests, where they had been taken for grazing.

MYSORE.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands are being ploughed in parts of the Mysore, Chamrajnagar, Seringapatam, Gundlupet, Nanjangud and Mandya Taluks and they are being manured in parts of the T.-Narsipur and Malvalli Taluks.

Standing crops.—Paddy in parts of the Chamrajnagar, mulberry and castor in parts of the Chamrajnagar, Nanjangud, T.-Narsipur and Malvalli Taluks, sugar-cane in parts of the Seringapatam, T.-Narsipur, Malvalli, Mandya, Krishnarajpete and Nagamangala Taluks; cotton in parts of Nanjangud, and Bengal gram in parts of the T.-Narsipur Taluk are reported to be in fair condition. Wet crops under tanks in parts of the Chamrajnagar Taluk are reported to be withering for want of water. Dry crops in parts of the Seringapatam Taluk, Bengal gram and cholum in tank beds in parts of the Mandya Taluk, are reported to be in need of rain.

Crop sown.—Cholum is being sown in parts of the Chamrajnagar Taluk, owing to rain having fallen in the week.

Crops harvested.—Ragi has been completely harvested in the Heggaddevankote Taluk and Bengal gram is being harvested in parts of the Mandya Taluk.

Estimated outturn.—

In Seringapatam Taluk—Paddy, yield from 12 to 16 annas.
Ragi, yield from 4 to 8 annas.
Horse gram and cholum, yield 4 annas each.

In Nanjangud Taluk—Castor, yield 8 annas.

In Mandya Taluk—Ragi, horse gram and ballar, yield from 2 to 4 annas.
Bengal gram and togari, yield from 2 to 5 annas.
Paddy, yield from 2 to 4 annas in some parts and from 6 to 12 annas in other parts.

In Krishnarajpete Taluk—Sugar-cane, yield 6 annas.

10. Prospects of the season indifferent in some parts and not good in others. Food stuffs are available in all the taluks, except Nagamangala where the stock is reported to have run short. 130 and 487 individuals in the Mandya and Nagamangala Taluks, respectively, are reported to be under gratuitous relief, and Rs. 1,240-14-5 is said to have been spent up to date in the latter taluk. It is also reported that up to the end of the last week in the Krishnarajpete Taluk, Rs. 268-2-11 have been paid to coolies employed on tank works and that ragi worth Rs. 249-11-3 has been gratuitously distributed to relieve distress.

11. Except for plague in a few taluks, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" in parts of the Mysore, Chamrajnagar, Seringapatam, Hunsur, Heggaddevankote, Gundlupet, Nanjangud and Krishnarajpete Taluks; "Chappe Roga" in parts of the Mysore and Mandya Taluks; "Rinderpest" in parts of the T.-Narsipur Taluk and "Foot and mouth" disease in parts of the Krishnarajpete Taluk, are prevailing among cattle. Tanks in parts of the Nanjangud and Mandya Taluks are running dry. Temporary wells are being sunk wherever difficulty for water is felt. Fodder is scarce in parts of the Mandya Taluk.

HASSAN.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Dry lands are being manured in parts of the Hassan Taluk and wet lands are being ploughed in parts of the Manjarabad Taluk.

Standing crops.—Sugar-cane in the Hassan and Channarayapatna Taluks is reported to be withering for want of rain. Sugar-cane below channels in the Hole-Narsipur Taluk, and sugar-cane in the Belur Taluk and Alur Sub-Taluk is reported to be in fair condition.

Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane in the Channarayapatna Taluk, and the Alur Sub-Taluk; and Bengal gram in the Belur Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season generally fair, except in parts of the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks, parts of Dodkadnur and Kasba hoblis of the Hole-Narsipur Taluk, and parts of Madihalli and Halebid hoblis of the Belur Taluk, where prospects are not encouraging.

11. Public health generally good, except for cholera in parts of the Arkalgud Taluk; and small-pox and measles in parts of the Hole-Narsipur Taluk.

12. Cattle generally are not in good condition. "Dod Roga" is prevalent in parts of the Manjarabad and Channarayapatna Taluks and the Alur Sub-Taluk. It is reported to be subsiding in the Arsikere and Hole-Narsipur Taluks. Good many cattle have been inoculated. Fodder is generally available. In parts of the Channarayapatna Taluk, dug up grass is being used, as also ragi and paddy straw in addition to sugar-cane leaves. Paddy straw is being brought to the Channarayapatna Taluk from the Seringapatam Taluk. Difficulty for water having been felt in some taluks, the villagers themselves have sunk temporary wells in tank beds. Needful steps are being taken to sink fresh water wells, wherever necessary. Tank works in the Channarayapatna and Arsikere Taluks have been started to afford wages for subsistence of labourers, and the Executive Engineer has been requested to start several works in connection with the restoration of major works and collection of road materials in affected tracts.

SHIMOGA.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands are being ploughed in the taluks of Honnali, Shikarpur, Sagar and Nagar.

Standing crops.—Bengal gram, cotton and togari in the Channagiri Taluk, and sugar-cane in other parts are in moderately good condition. Sugar-cane requires some rain in the maidan taluks.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane in portions of the Shimoga, Shikarpur, Sagar and Nagar Taluks.

Crops harvested.—White jolam and cotton in parts of the Channagiri Taluk; sugar-cane milling operations are in progress in the taluks of Sagar and Nagar. Sugar-cane harvesting has been completed in the Shimoga, Shikarpur and Tirthahalli Taluks.

10. Prospects of the season uncertain. Food stuffs available, but their prices continue to be high.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Murrain is prevalent among cattle in some parts of the Shimoga, Channagiri and Honnali Taluks. Water and fodder are available for the present.

KADUR.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing in Chikmagalur, Mudgere and Sringeri, and planting of sugar-cane in parts of Yedahalli are going on.

Standing crops are in unsatisfactory condition for want of timely and sufficient rain.

Crops harvested and their yield.—

In Chikmagalur—Bengal gram, wheat and sugar-cane, yield from 4 to 6 annas.

In Kadur—Sugar-cane, yield 8 annas.

In Koppa—Sugar-cane, yield not given.

In Yedahalli—Sugar-cane, yield from 8 to 12 annas.

10. Prospects of the season same as in last week. People are anxiously looking forward for rain throughout the district. There was slight rainfall in the Chikmagalur, Koppa and Mudgere Taluks during the week. Food stuffs are available, but their prices continue to be high.

11. Except for cholera in the town of Sringeri and its neighbourhood, public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally healthy. But "Foot and mouth" disease is still prevailing in the Kadur and Tarikere Taluks. And "Dod Roga" is declining in the Chikmagalur Taluk. Water and fodder are available in the malnad, but difficulty is felt in procuring them in the maidan parts of the district.

CHITALDRUG.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Standing crops.*—Such as paddy, sugar-cane, Bengal gram, jola, navane, samè, wheat and cotton are reported to be withering for want of rain. But those under *kapile* wells and channels are in fairly good condition.

Crops harvested and their yield.—

Wheat in the Challakere Taluk, yield from 2 to 4 annas.

Cotton in the Holalkere Taluk, yield from 4 to 8 annas.

10. Prospects of the season fair, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Jagalur, Davangere and Hosdurga Taluks. Food stuffs available. On account of demand for labour in the affected parts of the district, road works, deepening of wells, etc., are started to relieve the distress of the poor and the needy. Takavi loans and gratuitous relief in grains are also being given to the poor and helpless raiyats in the affected parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Davangere, Jagalur and Hosdurga Taluks and the Harihar Sub-Taluk. The following is the number of village works in progress:—Chitaldrug 8, Challakere 6, Hiriyur 8, Davangere 4, Hosdurga 19 and Harihar 3.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle healthy, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Hiriyur, Davangere and Holalkere Taluks, where Rinderpest prevails. Water and fodder available, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Molakalmuru and Hosdurga Taluks. Fodder is insufficient. Those that can afford it get it at very high rates from places where it is available, while others take their cattle to forests for grazing. Water is made available, where it is found necessary by deepening existing wells and by sinking new ones.

BANGALORE,
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